

May 11, 1990

TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist *HOS*

RE: Wildlife Impact Meeting, Barrick Mercur, M/045/017, Tooele County, Utah

Wayne Hedberg, and I met at the Barrick Mercur mine site on August 28, 1989 with several members of the Division of Wildlife Resources and the Barrick Mercur staff. Individuals representing Wildlife Resources included: Kendall Nelson, Jim Ekins and Paul Tervort. Those representing Barrick Mercur included: Frank Wicks, Glen Eurick, Clayton Landa and Dave Beatty.

The meeting was held because three or four complaints had been registered with the Division of Water Rights concerning deer and elk kills associated with the operator's tailings pond. One such complaint had also been registered with this agency by a local rancher.

During the course of the meeting, the operator admitted to 27 - 30 deer kills during 1988, from contact with the cyanide in the tailings pond. Also, three elk were lost in 1988 from pond contact. Five more kills were tabulated in 1989.

To mitigate these impacts the operator is constructing a modular fence to encompass the tailing facility, mending broken fences and improving them to prevent contact with other cyanide containing facilities. Also, watering troughs are being installed in areas accessible to wildlife to prevent their need to access the tailings area.

The operator is to finish construction of these facilities at the end of the fall, 1989. The operator will then submit an update to the existing 1983 Wildlife Mitigation Plan.

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cc: Wayne Hedberg
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